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## Computational Science 260

## Midterm Exam

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Marks

1. Use a truth table to prove that  $(P \wedge Q_1) \vee (\neg P \wedge Q_2)$  is logically equivalent to  $(P \Rightarrow Q_1) \wedge (\neg P \Rightarrow Q_2)$ . 15

P	Q <sub>1</sub>	Q <sub>2</sub>	$\neg P \wedge Q_1$	$\neg P \wedge Q_2$	$P \wedge Q_1 \vee (\neg P \wedge Q_2)$	$P \Rightarrow Q_1$	$\neg P \Rightarrow Q_2$	$(P \Rightarrow Q_1) \wedge (\neg P \Rightarrow Q_2)$
T	T	T	F	F	F	T	T	T
T	T	F	F	F	F	T	T	T
T	F	T	F	F	F	T	F	F
T	F	F	F	F	F	T	F	F
F	T	T	T	T	T	T	T	T
F	T	F	F	F	F	T	F	F
F	F	T	F	T	T	T	T	T
F	F	F	F	F	F	F	F	F

Since, therefore equivalent.

2. Children dance at nursery school, and each child has exactly one partner. Let  $P(x, y)$  be true if  $x$  is the partner of  $y$ , or if  $y$  is the partner of  $x$ . Express the fact that each child has exactly one partner in predicate calculus. 12

$$\forall x \exists y (P(x, y) \wedge \forall z (P(x, z) \Rightarrow x = y))$$

3. Given  $\forall y(P(y) \vee Q(y))$  and  $\exists z\neg P(z)$ , give a derivation to show 14  
 $\exists zQ(z)$ .

$\forall y(P(y) \vee Q(y))$		
1. $\forall y(P(y) \vee Q(y))$	P. curren	
2. $\exists z \neg P(z)$	P. curren	
3. $\neg P(a)$	2, EI	
4. $P(a) \vee Q(a)$	1, S <sup>y</sup> <sub>a</sub>	
5. $Q(a)$	3, 4, D.S.	
6. $\exists z Q(z)$	5, EG	

4. Let  $P$  stand for "The new year starts October 21",  $Q$  for "4 is even" 12  
and  $R$  for "Canada is a tropical country". Assign the appropriate  
truth values to all these propositions. Translate  $(P \wedge Q) \vee (Q \Rightarrow R)$   
into English. Moreover, find the truth value of this expression.

The new year starts Oct. 25 and 4 is even,  
or 4 is even implies Canada is a tropical country,  
 $P$ : The new year starts Oct. 25: F T  
 $Q$ : 4 is even T  
 $R$ : Canada is a tropical country F

$$\frac{\begin{array}{c} (P \wedge Q) \vee (Q \Rightarrow R) \\ F \quad F \end{array}}{F}$$

Statement false

5. Consider the following Prolog data base

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abc(X,Y) :- cde(X,U), efg(V,U), hij(V,Y).  
cde(a,b).  
cde(a,c).  
efg(d,b).  
efg(h,c).  
hij(h,b).
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Suppose the query is  $\text{abc}(a,b)$ . Trace the execution of the query  $\text{abc}(a,b)$ . The trace should indicate in which order the different goals are attempted, together with an indication whether or not they succeed. Use S for succeed and F for fail.

*TRACE*

Abda.b  
cde(a,b) S  
efg(d,b) S  
hij(d,b) F      for details  
efg(v,b) F      true ??  
cde(a,c) S  
efg(h,c) S  
hij(h,b) S  
abc(a,b) S.

6. In a Prolog data base, there is a fact for each English word, indicating whether it is a noun, a verb, an article, and so on. For instance, there is a fact `noun(dog)` to indicate that "dog" is a noun, there is a fact `verb(run)` to indicate that "run" is a verb, and there is a fact `article(the)` to indicate that "the" is an article. Design a rule `sentence(X, Y, Z)` which must succeed if X is an article, Y is a noun,

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and Z is a verb.

Sentence ( $X, Y, Z$ ) :- Article ( $X$ ), noun ( $Y$ ), verb ( $Z$ ),

7. Let  $A$  be a set, and let  $\#A$  be the number of elements in the set. 10  
Show that  $\#(A \cup B) \leq \#A + \#B$ . Moreover, give an example where  
 $\#(A \cup B) = \#A + \#B$ .

Elements appearing in both  $A$  and  $B$   
are counted twice in  $\#A + \#B$ , but only  
once in  $\#(A \cup B)$ .

$$A = \{1, 2, 3\} \quad B = \{4\}$$

$$A \cup B = \{1, 2, 3, 4\}$$

8. Let  $f(n) = 2 - f(n-1)/2$ , with  $f(0) = 0$ . Find  $f(3)$  by replacing  $f(m)$  12  
with a proper expression.

$$\begin{aligned}f(3) &= 2 - \frac{f(2)}{2} \\&= 2 - \frac{2 - f(1)/2}{2} \\&= 2 - \frac{2 - (2 - f(0)/2)/2}{2} \\&= 2 - \frac{2 - (2)/2}{2} = 1\frac{1}{2}\end{aligned}$$